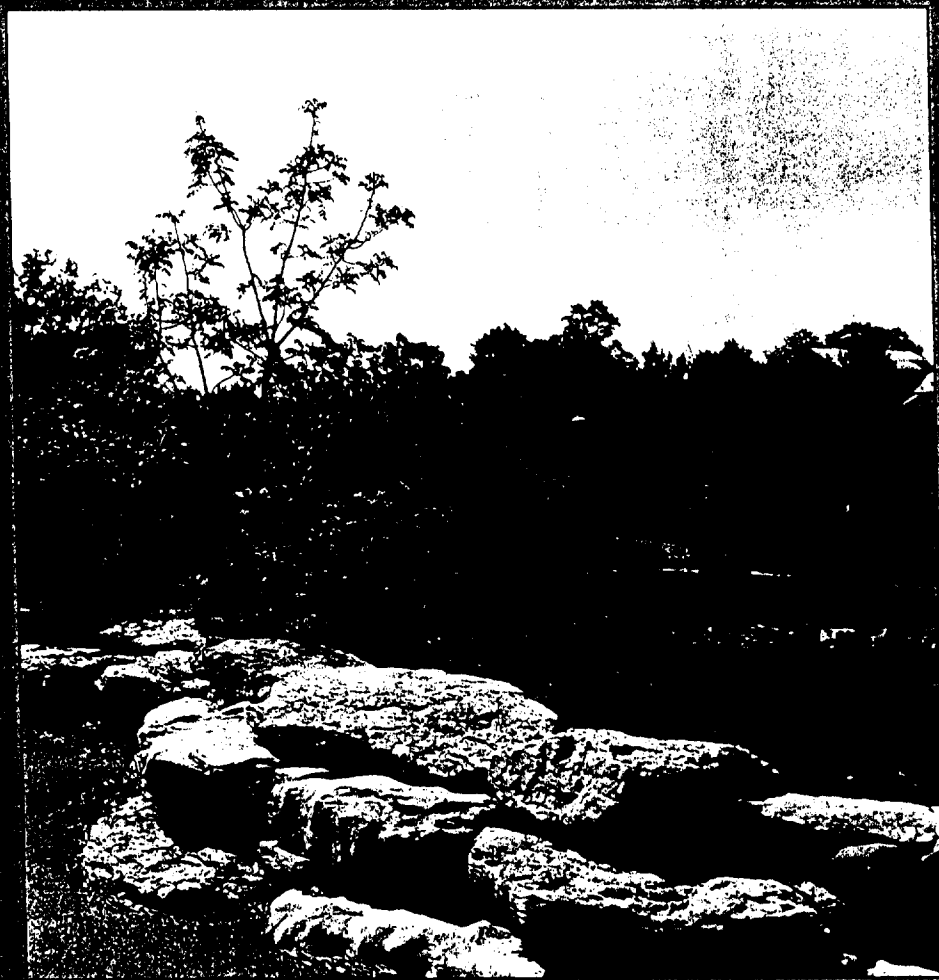


*Amherst*



*A great place for everyone!*



*Amherst*

*A great pace for everyone!*

**A**mberst, New York is a fifty-four square mile community immediately north of the City of Buffalo. Within its perimeters are a major university and research center, two planned communities, two large research and development parks, several office parks, and some of the most beautiful, well-landscaped homes in the nation.

The Town of Amberst has enough hotel and motel rooms to rival those available in major municipalities across the country. The area's malls and plazas are filled with some of the finest shops in the nation.

In addition, Amberst has a quality of life that is second to none. It is also the safest community of its size in the nation.

This all adds up to one of the most prestigious and fastest growing communities in the country: Amberst, New York.

Amberst is currently the fourth largest municipality in Upstate New York, behind Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse. But this growth has not come at the expense of Amberst's small town charm and appeal. Amberst still has all the qualitative advantages that have made it a popular



residential location throughout the past decades.

In Amberst you will see a Town that has achieved a successful combination between small town charm and urban sophistication. Amberst truly is an excellent place to live, work and play.

# *THE AREA*

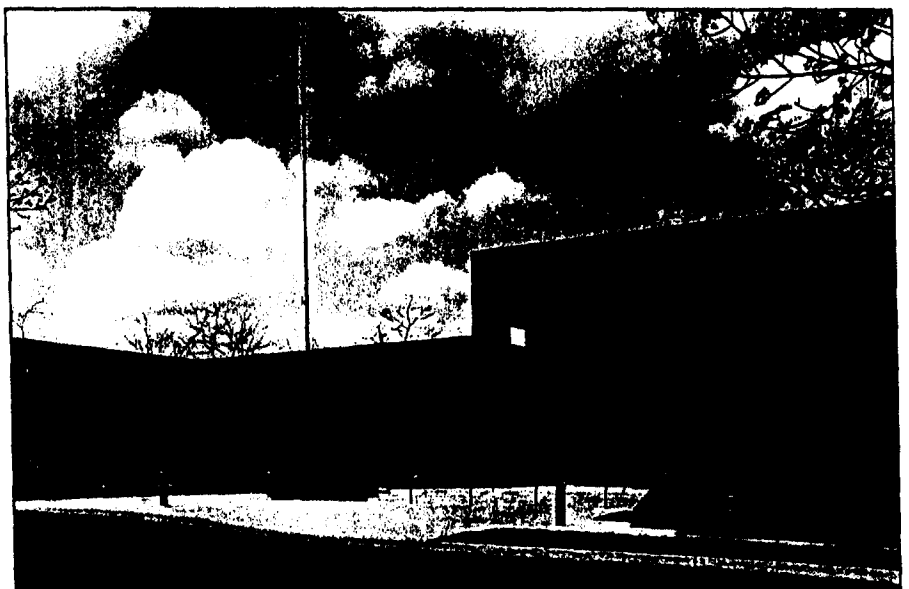


*Behold Amherst! It's beautifully landscaped residential and business areas and its unsurpassed quality of life features have made Amherst one of the fastest growing communities in Upstate New York.*

*Amherst's dynamic system of highways and roads makes the Town easily accessible. Amherst's close proximity to surrounding communities, including the City of Buffalo and Niagara Falls simply adds to its appeal.*

*A map of the area, available from the Chamber, will help illustrate some of the features, such as accessibility, that have made Amherst the community of choice for residents and businesses alike.*

*Amherst's growth and development have all been done in accordance with a Master Plan that was first developed over twenty years ago. Careful planning and attention to detail has helped assure that Amherst's growth and development does not come at the expense of its fine quality of life.*



# RECREATION & CULTURE

**C**ultural and recreational amenities found in Amherst are equal to those found in most larger municipalities. Amherst has its own symphony orchestra and several jazz and theater groups, along with a variety of other arts and cultural attractions.

In addition, Amherst has its own art society, museum and glee club. In the summer, the Town sponsors a series of free outdoor concerts in area parks.

Recreational amenities and adequate amount of "open" space are equally important in Amherst. Amherst's efforts to inventory and maintain its open space areas illustrates the Town's determination for maintaining the high quality of life that Amherstonians have come to expect. Open space refers to parcels of land set aside for either recreational or passive purposes.

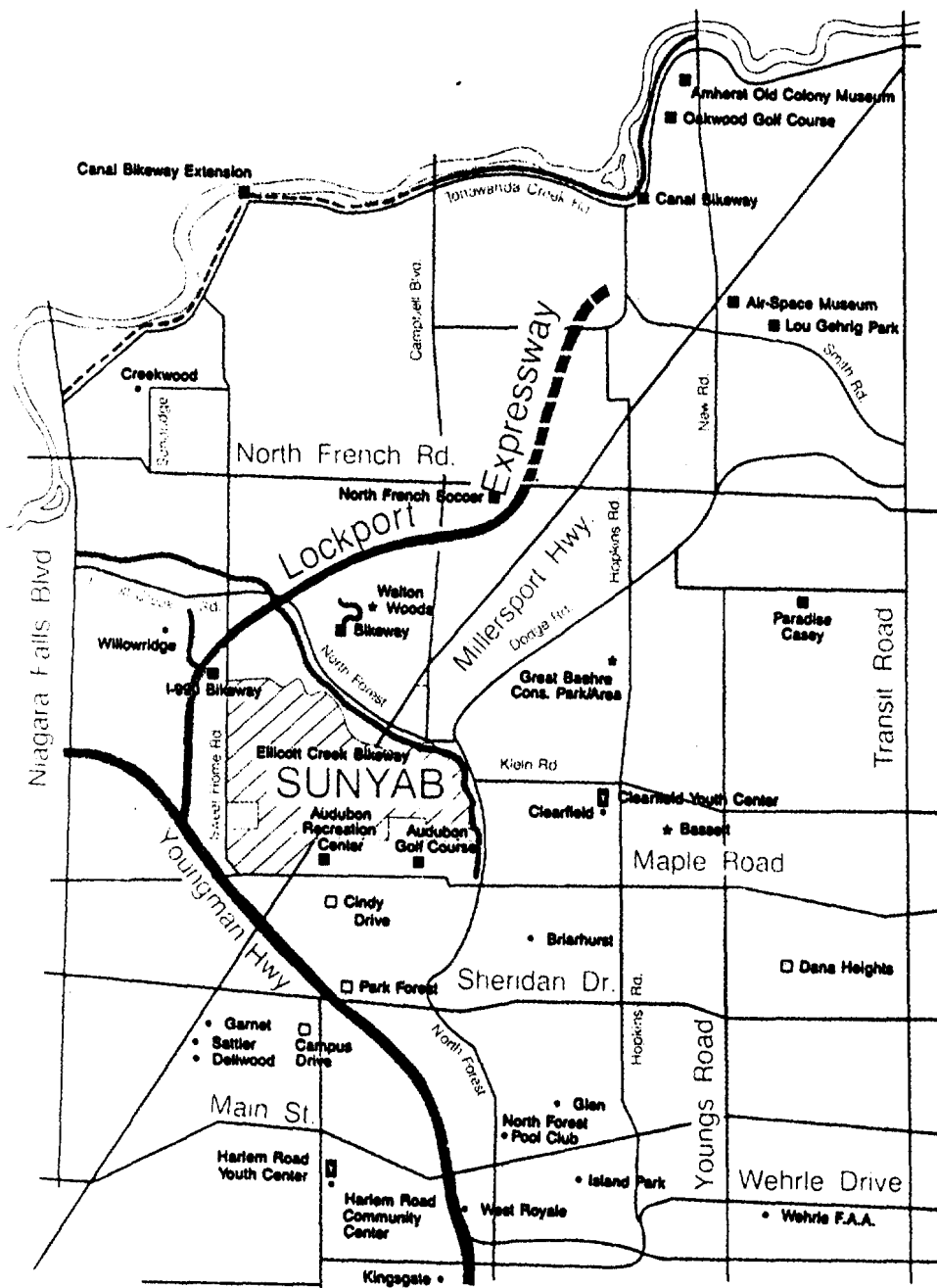
Open space makes the area more visually appealing and

generally results in higher residential land values. Restrictive covenants in Amherst's business parks, where trees must be preserved or replaced, have resulted in some of the most attractive business settings in the country. This has ensured that the pleasant surroundings of the business environment are maintained.

The value of open space to the natural environment is that it protects the plant habitats and the nesting, feeding, and breeding grounds for various species of fish, birds and other wildlife.

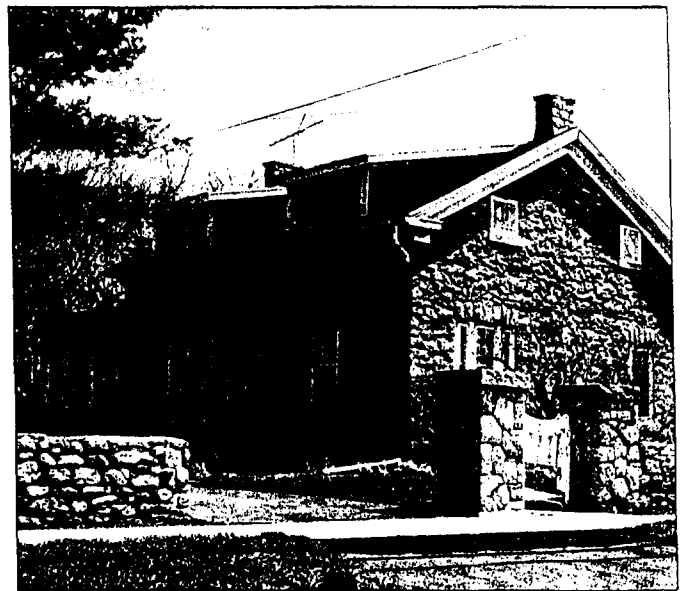
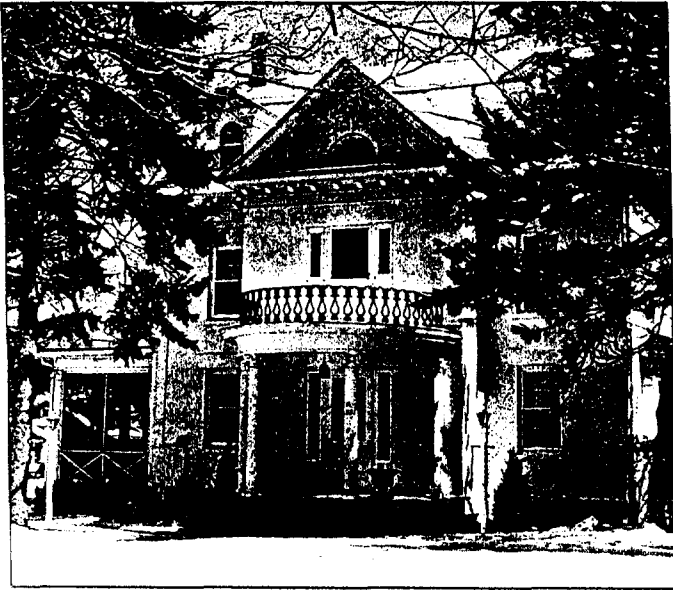
Leisure time activities range from a variety of winter sports to a myriad of summer activities including boating and golfing. Whatever your recreational aspirations might be, Amherst can satisfy your needs.





- ★ *Community Parks*
- *Neighborhood Parks*
- *Special Use Parks*
- *Mini Parks*
- Y *Youth Centers*

# *DEMOGRAPHIC OVERVIEW*



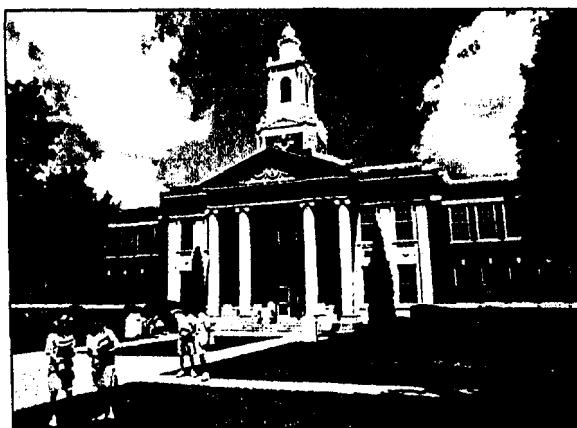


***D**esigned with quality of life issues in mind, Amherst has become a community that has found the perfect balance between small town charm and urban sophistication.*

*Home to approximately 115,000 people, Amherst's high quality of life is second to none. It's beautifully designed and maintained residential areas are some of the finest in the country.*

*Amherst is a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family. Its picturesque beauty, its high standard of living, its wide range of services and amenities all add up to one of the most pleasing communities in the nation. Amherst is also the safest community of its size in the country.*

*As one of the most popular communities in Upstate New York, Amherst has been able to maintain its small town charm while it continues to grow and develop.*



*An extensive network of roads and highways ensure easy access in and around the Town of Amherst. Close proximity to the City of Buffalo, allows Amherst residents the opportunity to take advantage of the numerous amenities offered by the neighboring city.*

*Amherst is not only a great*

*place to visit, but a great place to live. Fortune magazine dubbed Amherst, a great place to live and prosper. But the real testimony for Amherst comes from the residents themselves who are enthralled to be a part of a community they can be proud of.*

# BUSINESS PROSPERITY

The same high "quality of life" that has made Amherst a popular location for residents, has also assisted in attracting over 400 companies — ranging from light industry to high technology, and the administrative support services to corporate headquarters — to the Town in the last decade.

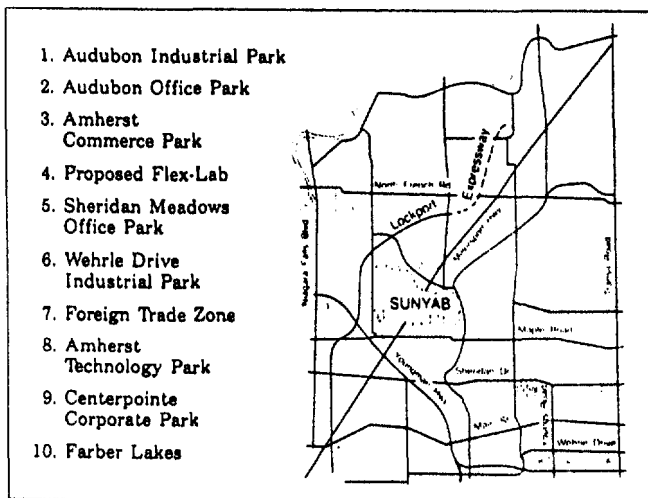
Amherst offers a variety of locations for businesses including industrial, office and technology parks that are among the finest and innovative business locations in New York State and the nation.

All of the business parks within the Town are governed by strict zoning regulations and restrictive covenants to insure that the attractive character of the parks is preserved.

Amherst's public business parks include: the Audubon Industrial Park and Audubon Office Park, which comprise more than 450 acres of land and are situated near the State University of New York, Amherst Campus. Amenities within these parks include fiber-optic capabilities, and aesthetically pleasing, well landscaped and maintained buildings and grounds.

The Wehrle International Business Park includes a 33-acre designated Foreign Trade Zone, which provides direct access to international trade and markets.

In addition, the Town of Amherst is home to the Amherst Technology Park, one of the first parks in the nation to be devoted to high-technology oriented companies. The park has a unique zoning classification called "Science and Technology" which is a hybrid type of zoning developed by the Town of Amherst.



There are a number of features unique to Amherst that make it such an attractive place to locate a business. These include:

1. Educational resources offered by the State University of New York at Buffalo and the high standards of Amherst secondary school systems.
2. Quality of Life that combines small town charms with all the amenities offered by a large metropolitan area.
3. Quality labor force providing highly skilled and qualified workers to area employers.
4. Amenable government that helps industry grow and thrive.
5. Available resources including telecommunication capabilities, natural resources, and a vast array of financial and training programs for business.

## AMHERST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Amherst Chamber of Commerce is located at 5678 Main Street (632-6905) and offers a number of services to its members and the general public. These include seminars and luncheons on a variety of topics suitable for both the businessperson and the concerned resident.

As the representative arm of business throughout the Town of Amherst, the Amherst Chamber is committed to being a responsive, competitive and valuable association to its members. The Chamber serves the business and professional communities, Amherst residents, visitors, and decision makers as a consequence of service to, and on behalf of, its membership.

## AMHERST INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

In 1973, the Town of Amherst created its own Industrial Development Agency to assist in the economic development of the Town. As part of its mission, the Amherst Industrial Development Agency (IDA) encouraged capital investment and the creation of employment opportunities within the Town.

To achieve their goals the Amherst IDA is authorized by New York State to issue Industrial Revenue Bonds for the financing of both the purchase and improvement of land building and property.

Since its inception, the Amherst IDA has issued over 105 bonds and has created or retained approximately 10,000 jobs within the Town.

Amherst's reputation for its appeal to businesses and its high quality of life has given it national notoriety. Dubbed the "boomtown in the Rustbelt" Amherst has been featured in the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, *Inc.* magazine and *Fortune* magazine.

The Amherst Industrial Development Agency is located within the Audubon Office Park at 130 John Muir Drive, Amherst, New York 14228 (716/688-9000).

# BUSINESS PROSPERITY

## AMHERST: THE WORKFORCE

Western New York's labor force ranks among the highest productivity levels in the country, fifteen percent above the national average. Historically, the region's work force has proven to be among the most productive and stable in the nation, with low absenteeism and turnover rates.

The Amherst population is made up of 84,486 people that are 16 and over. This represents a tremendous labor pool from which to choose from, much of which is professional and non-professional skilled labor. A large portion of this labor is non-union with the high tech growth industries almost totally free of unionization locally.

The percentage of the population that is in the Amherst labor force is 62.3% with the total civilian labor force being 52,570 people.

There are various government funded programs that are available for training to furnish employers with suitable skilled labor. If need be, compensation is readily accessible for either on-the-job training or classroom instruction through the Federal Job Training and Partnership Act. Eligible companies may also receive tax credit for wages paid to workers who have completed training through the targeted Jobs Tax Credit Program and as businesses expand reimbursement for upgrading and retaining is also available.

## LEADING INDUSTRIES

### RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT/MANUFACTURING

- Tool and die products
- Thermal transfer ribbons
- Medical equipment
- Electronic design and development
- Industrial safety equipment
- Computer defense equipment

### WAREHOUSE & DISTRIBUTION

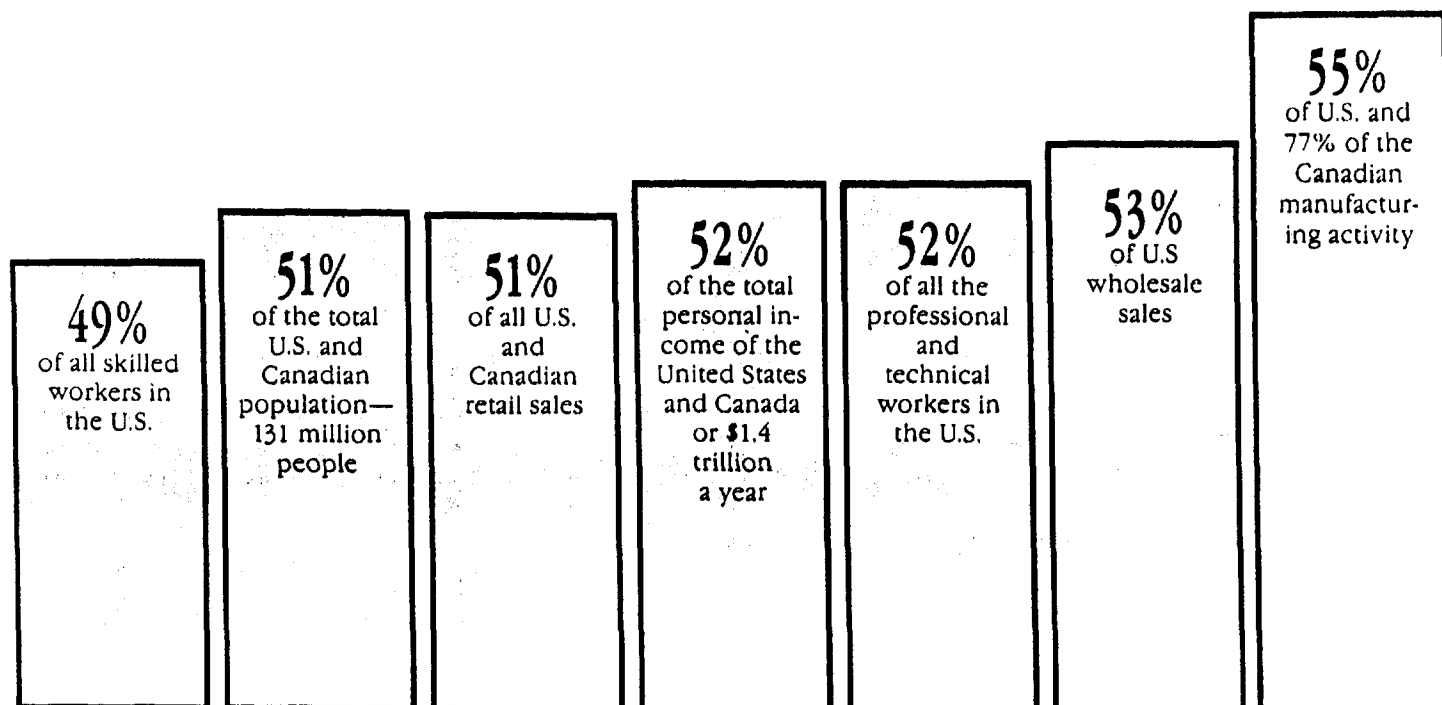
- Medical supplies
- Computer software and supplies
- Automotive equipment
- Office equipment
- Heating and air conditioning equipment

### FINANCIAL SERVICES

- Computer processing center
- Residential/commercial mortgage offices
- Banking facilities
- National headquarters

### SERVICE INDUSTRIES

- Site remediation services
- Engineering services
- Advertising/Marketing services
- Computer services
- Payroll services
- Business to business services
- Back-office operations



# COMMUNITY AGENCIES

## TOWN SERVICES

### Town of Amherst Government

The Town of Amherst is governed by a Supervisor and a 6 member Town Board. The Supervisor, or Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town, serves full-time and is elected for a four-year term. The remaining Town Board members are all elected positions, with four-year terms and serve part-time.

Town Board meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Amherst Municipal Building, located at 5583 Main Street.

In addition, the Town of Amherst has two justices, who are elected for four-year terms. The Town of Amherst Court is located adjacent to the Amherst Police Department Office at 400 John James Audubon Parkway in the center of Town.

The Village of Williamsville, located within the Town of Amherst, has its own government, consisting of a 4-member Board of Trustees and a Mayor. Elected to four-year terms by the village residents, the Board of Trustees and Mayor of Williamsville serve part-time. Powers for the Village of Williamsville government are that of the New York State Village Law.

While the Village of Williamsville government oversees matters pertaining to the Village, the Town Board oversees the entire Town of Amherst including policing and some park and recreational areas within the Village.

### Youth Board

The Amherst Youth Board was established in 1972 to provide programs and services for the enrichment and development of Amherst's youth. The board, comprised of 21 adult and youth volunteers who reside in Amherst, establishes policies that are carried out by the Youth Board staff. The following programs and services are currently being offered by the Amherst Youth Board:

### Amherst Jazz Workshop

Gives youth an opportunity to obtain education and training in instrumental jazz and to perform in small groups and large ensembles (631-7125).

### Amherst Musical Theatre

Allows Amherst residents 21 years and under to participate in all phases of musical production including acting, singing, dancing, orchestra, and crew. (631-7125).

### Amherst Youth Program

Provides an umbrella of services that are needed by youth 21 and under who are residents of the Town of Amherst. There are 4 youth centers located throughout Amherst. (689-1437)

### Amherst Youth Employment Services

Assists Amherst youth ages 21 and under in the area of job development and readiness, placement and referral. In addition, youths ages 14-18 can participate in Teen Power, a program that provides youths for residents seeking help with various odd jobs. (631-7128)

### Amherst Yes Youth Program

Motivates and directs youths to be involved in volunteer commitments that will contribute to the community, and allow participants to work with children, senior citizens, and mentally and physically handicapped people. (631-7129)

### Amherst First Offender Diversion Program

Provides an opportunity through group therapy and counseling for first offenders ages 16-21 to remain out of the criminal justice system. Family counseling is also provided. (632-5500)

Other Amherst Youth Board programs include:

Amherst Y-U (688-3888)

Prevention is Primary (884-3256)

School Intervention Service (839-4066)

Summer Parks and Conservation Project (631-7125)

### Fire and Rescue, 689-1212

Amherst is divided into 10 areas for fire protection purposes. Two of these are fire districts (Snyder and Eggertsville), one is a village fire department (Williamsville), and the remainder are fire protection districts. An elected Board of Commissioners supervises each fire district and may levy taxes and contract debt. The Williamsville Village Trustee are responsible for the village fire department and the Town Board is responsible for the fire protection districts.

Each of these Boards, on behalf of the district represented, contracts with a fire company to provide protection to the district. The members of the fire companies are entirely volunteer and receive no compensation whatever for their service.

Most of the companies have ambulances and all of the companies have rescue vehicles for immediate and temporary care. Non-emergency ambulance service should be arranged through one of the commercial ambulance services in the area. The rescue squads for all of the companies have certified Emergency Technicians. Paramedics are available to assist all fire companies in the town.

Coordination of protection programs is accomplished among the ten fire companies through the Amherst Fire Council and the Amherst Fire Chiefs Association. A sophisticated mutual aid program is in existence whereby backup fire fighting and rescue coverage is provided to

# COMMUNITY AGENCIES

neighboring districts whenever needed.

All fire and first aid calls (689-1212) go through the 24-hour Central Alarm Office located in the Police Building which is manned by full-time civil service employees. The calls are instantly relayed to the individual fire companies which typically respond in about three minutes. Fire and first aid calls from Clarence, Akron, and Newstead are also handled by this office.

The fire companies are controlled by their own officers. Citizens interested in membership should contact the neighborhood company directly. Each company has its own rules. Each fireman receives a number of courses in first aid, treatment of medical emergencies, and fire training. Courses are supplied through Erie County and the State of New York. All companies use the County Fire Training Tower on North Forest Road in Amherst.

## Town of Amherst Departments

### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES & INFORMATION

5583 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221 -  
Information ..... (716) 631-7000  
Accounting/Comptroller ..... 631-7005  
Assessor ..... 631-7038  
Councilmen ..... 631-7013  
Personnel ..... 631-7025  
Planning ..... 631-7051  
Supervisor ..... 631-7032  
Tax Receiver ..... 631-7021  
Town Clerk & Registrar ..... 631-7045  
Building & Plumbing Department ..... 631-7080  
Complaint Phone ..... 631-7035

### COURTROOM

500 John James Audubon Parkway  
Small Claims Court ..... 689-4217  
Traffic Violations ..... 689-4201

### ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

1100 North Forest Road ..... 631-7154  
Sanitary Sewer Maintenance & Plant 16  
455 Tonawanda Creek Road ..... 691-9771

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

500 John James Audubon Parkway ..... 689-1212

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1042 North Forest Road ..... 631-7117  
Nights, Sundays, Holidays ..... 631-5990

### MUSEUM & HISTORICAL CENTER

Tonawanda Creek & New Roads ..... 689-1440

### PARKS DEPARTMENT

450 Maple Road ..... 631-7113

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

500 John James Audubon Parkway ..... 689-1322  
Emergency & Complaint ..... 689-1311  
Records & Information ..... 689-1322  
Detective Division ..... 689-1333  
Youth Division ..... 689-1344  
Traffic Division ..... 689-1355

### RECREATION DIRECTOR

1615 Millersport Highway ..... 631-7132  
Audubon Golf Course, 500 Maple Road ... 631-7139  
Audubon Par-3 Golf Course,  
475 Maple Road ..... 631-7124  
Oakwood Golf Course,  
3575 Tonawanda Creek Rd. .... 689-1421  
Audubon Recreation Center,  
1615 Millersport Hwy. .... 631-7136  
Bassett Park - Bassett Road ..... 689-1425  
Clearfield Recreation Center,  
Plaza Drive ..... 689-1418

### SANITARY SEWER MAINTENANCE & PLANT 16

455 Tonawanda Creek Road ..... 691-9771

### SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER

30 Union Road ..... 631-5595

### YOUTH BUREAU

72 S. Cayuga Road ..... 631-7125  
Cayuga Youth Center,  
72 S. Cayuga Road ..... 631-7130  
Amherst Youth Center,  
154 No. Ellicott Creek Rd. .... 689-1437  
Clearfield Youth Center,  
730 Hopkins Road ..... 689-1404  
Harlem Road Youth Center,  
4255 Harlem Road ..... 839-1272  
Youth Job Service ..... 631-7128  
Y.E.S. Program ..... 631-7128

### VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE,

5565 MAIN STREET ..... 632-4120

# CONVENTION & TOURISM

## WELCOME TO AMHERST

Amherst is ideally situated for those who enjoy exciting, fun-filled days. This is due to Amherst's many recreational and cultural activities, but also to its proximity to the variety of attractions offered in the surrounding areas as well.

Amherst is located just thirty minutes south of one of the world's favorite tourist attractions, and a natural world wonder: Niagara Falls. Activities at the American Falls include tours of the Cave of the Winds, and observations from several locations such as the Prospect Point observation tower.

The visit to Niagara Falls is not complete without a tour of the attractions on the Canadian side which include a ride on the Maid of the Mist boat tour, helicopter flights over the Falls, and much more.

In addition, the Buffalo waterfront is a popular attraction. Besides strolling and fishing, the Waterfront offers the excitement of touring a World War II destroyer at the Naval and Servicemen's Park. The Erie Basin Marina offers a splendid view of ships sailing into the Port of Buffalo. Fishing and touring excursions are offered on the Miss Buffalo from July through September.

From a convention planner's perspective, Amherst not only is ideally located to offer many amenities and attractions, but also a wide range of facilities and hotels that could rival any larger metropolitan area.

The State University of New York at Buffalo, Amherst Campus has a variety of auditoriums and meeting facilities to accommodate conference needs. This not only includes a long list of meeting facilities, but also housing and dining facilities as well.

The Town of Amherst is ready, willing and able to service conventions that are comfortable, affordable and memorable. The Town's 12 hotels and motels offer some 1400 rooms. These are all conveniently located to public transportation and the Buffalo International Airport. Many of these hotels and motels also offer meeting and banquet facilities.

The Amherst Chamber of Commerce can put you in contact with the right individuals to make your next meeting or convention a successful one.

## List of Area Hotels

HOTEL	NO. OF ROOMS	MEETING FACILITIES
<b>Cavalier</b> 1139 Niagara Falls Blvd. (716) 835-5916	102	None
<b>Continental Journey's End</b> 4400 Maple Road (716) 834-2231	95	1 conference room
<b>Hampton Inn</b> 10 Flint Road (716) 691-8181	117 1	1 conference room
<b>Holiday Inn - Amherst</b> 1881 Niagara Falls Blvd. (716) 691-8181	202	3 banquet rooms 1 conference room
<b>Holiday Motel</b> 5801 Main Street (716) 632-2140	26	none
<b>Lord Amherst</b> 5000 Main Street (716) 839-2200	101	7 conference rooms
<b>Marriott Hotel</b> 1340 Millersport Hwy. (716) 689-6900	356	5 salons 1 grand ball room 18 parlors rooms
<b>Red Roof Inn</b> 42 Flint Road (716) 689-7474	109	none
<b>Residence Inn</b> 100 Maple Road (716) 632-6622	112	1 conference room
<b>State University of New York</b> at Buffalo, Amherst Campus Office of Conferences/Special Events (716) 636-3414	4,000 beds	10+ conference/ meetings rooms
<b>Super Eight Motel</b> 1 Flint Road (716) 688-0811	104	none
<b>Williamsville Inn</b> 5447 Main Street (716) 634-1111	100	2 conference rooms

# CONVENTION & TOURISM

## FOUR SEASONS OF EXCITEMENT

From the glistening snows of winter, to summers abundant sunshine, Amherst and the Niagara Frontier annually serves up four distinct seasons of excitement. No matter what the weather, visitors will always find a warm reception from the friendly people throughout the area. They will find activities and amenities here for every member of the family — winter, spring, summer or fall.

Whether the choice is an elegant dinner, a casual meal, a banquet for large groups or the convenience of fast food, Amherst offers over 200 restaurants to please the palate.

Night spots are fast paced or quiet and elegant, depending on your mood. The Amherst Symphony, Amherst Players, Male Glee Club, and the Amherst Saxophone Quartet provide regular entertainment at various locations, in addition to University sponsored events and the cultural highlights in the adjacent city of Buffalo. Amherst is home to 21 movie theaters, offering you a wide variety of choices. For restaurant and attraction listings or schedule of events contact the Amherst Chamber of Commerce, (716) 632-6905.

## VISITORS DIRECTORY

Greater Buffalo Convention  
and Visitors Bureau ..... 852-7100  
Niagara Falls Convention  
and Visitors Bureau ..... 278-8010  
Amherst Old Colony Museum ..... 649-1440  
Buffalo Bills (Football) ..... 648-1800  
Buffalo Sabres (Hockey) ..... 856-7300  
Buffalo Bisons (Baseball) ..... 852-1900  
University of Buffalo Conferences  
and Special Events ..... 636-2925  
Letchworth State Park ..... 493-2611  
Old Fort Niagara ..... 745-7611  
Artpark ..... 754-9001  
Erie County Fairgrounds ..... 649-3900  
Buffalo Raceway (Harness Racing) ..... 649-1280

Albright Knox Art Gallery ..... 882-8700  
Buffalo and Erie County Naval Park ..... 847-1773  
Erie County Botanical Gardens ..... 828-1040  
Buffalo Zoological Gardens ..... 837-3900  
Buffalo Museum of Science ..... 986-5200  
Darien Amusement Park ..... 599-9501  
Williamsville Water Mills ..... 632-1162  
Fantasy Island Amusement Park ..... 773-7591  
Alleyway Theater ..... 852-2600  
Melody Fair ..... 692-6601  
Studio Arena ..... 856-5650  
Trafalmore Jazz Institute ..... 854-1415  
Sheas Buffalo Center for  
Performing Arts ..... 847-1410  
Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra ..... 885-5000

\*\*\*This is only a limited list of attractions in the Western New York area.  
Contact the Amherst Chamber of Commerce for a full listing and description.

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## QUALITY OF LIFE

When it comes to quality of life, Amherst has what you're looking for. From our fine educational resources to our comprehensive transportation network; our myriad of cultural amenities to our cost of living; Amherst has all the qualitative features that make it a wonderful place to live, work and play.

Amherst is comprised of the Village of Williamsville, and the communities of East Amherst, Eggertsville, Getzville, Snyder and Swormville. Currently, it is home to 115,000 people, making it the fourth largest municipality in Upstate New York, behind Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse.

The residents of the Town of Amherst enjoy numerous cultural and recreational amenities that can be found in large metropolitan communities, including its own symphony orchestra, shopping centers and many parks and recreation areas. While Amherst's scope is large, it has never lost its small town charm, making it an ideal place to raise a family. It's also one of the safest. In 1988, Amherst had the lowest crime rate in the nation, of municipalities of more than 100,000 people.

In addition, Amherst's close proximity to the City of Buffalo allows residents to take advantage of the numerous cultural and recreational amenities provided by a large city.

The phrase "responsible growth" accurately describes Amherst's transition from a sleepy suburb just a few decades ago to a thriving community that has attracted national recognition. The town's development outlook has shifted dramatically, all because of a step-by-step approach to finding a common thread between the goals of the community and incentives for business.

New jobs in the area have stimulated the local economy, generated additional jobs and enabled the community to fund more programs, schools and services. The expansion of business insures job opportunities for the next generation.

## LOCATION

Amherst, New York is a 53.3 square mile community located on the western border of the World's ninth largest economic power: New York State. Just minutes away from the heart of Buffalo, Amherst's location allows for easy access to the amenities offered by a large metropolitan area.

Conveniently located within 500 miles of much of North America's most extensive and affluent consumer markets, including New York City, Boston, Chicago, and Detroit, Amherst is situated within the county of Erie, the 19th largest county in the nation with more than one million residents.

The town is bounded by Tonawanda Creek on the north and Transit Road on the east. The southern boundary runs east to west from the Buffalo City Line along a line approximately 100 feet south of Wehrle Drive and the New York State Thruway to Transit Road. The western boundary runs adjacent to Niagara Falls Boulevard.

The Town of Amherst includes the incorporated Village of Williamsville, as well as the communities of Snyder, Getzville, Eggertsville, Swormville and East Amherst.

## TRANSPORTATION

One of the key features in the Western New York area is accessibility. The area boasts numerous networks of air systems, bus routes, and highways, that makes travel in and around Amherst enjoyable.

**Air:** The Greater Buffalo International Airport is located south of and adjacent to the Town of Amherst. The Airport offers flights to national and international destinations and also offers an active cargo center for the importing and exporting of goods. Ranked as the 38th largest airport in the United States according to passenger activity, the Airport is continually expanding and renovating to accommodate the increase in traffic generated by the growing communities it serves.

**Bus:** The Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority offers the Metro bus system which provides bus transportation in both Erie and Niagara Counties. In addition, Phase I of the light rail rapid transit system is currently in place, linking the southwest part of Amherst to the downtown Buffalo area. Construction of Phase II of the transit system, connecting downtown Buffalo to the rest of Amherst, is at present being planned. Once completed, Phase II will serve the heart of Amherst, near the University of Buffalo, Amherst campus.

**Highway:** The highway system throughout Amherst and Western New York is one of the nation's finest. It includes the New York State Thruway, which provides access to points east and west, the Lockport Expressway, which will soon be extended, providing links to the northern communities of Western New York, and the Youngmann Expressway, linking Amherst to Kenmore, Tonawanda, Grand Island, Niagara Falls, and downtown Buffalo.

### Highway Distance from Amherst to:

Albany	295	Ottawa	340
Boston	475	Philadelphia	403
Chicago	498	Pittsburgh	240
Cleveland	181	Quebec	553
Detroit	253	St. Louis	741
Hamilton	20	Toledo	287
Montreal	384	Toronto	110
New York City	400		





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## LAND USE

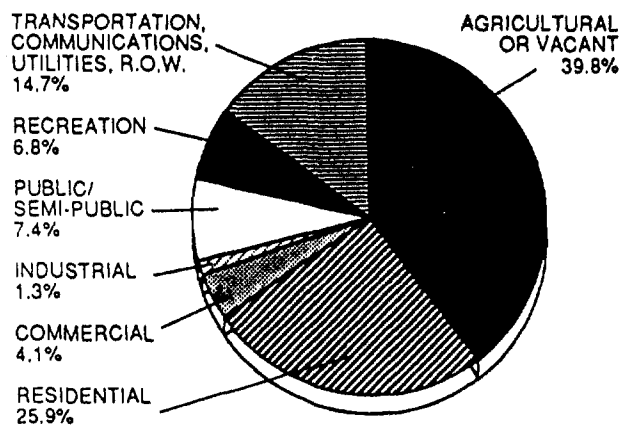
The 1985 update of the 1975 Master Plan revision shows that while land development in Amherst increased by 21% over a ten year period, only 60.2 percent of land in the town has been developed. Development has come as a result of new construction and also modification of existing land uses.

Amherst has attracted the attention of and been praised by The New York Times, the Wall Street Journal and Fortune magazine.

Some of the facts and figures about Amherst that have earned this praise are:

- The town is 53.3 square miles or 24,100 acres. Although Amherst's land mass is larger than that of the City of Buffalo, it has only 1/3 of the people.
- School district tax rates for the Amherst, Sweet Home and Williamsville districts are lower than many surrounding communities.
- New businesses, most of which are considered "Clean" industry and service oriented companies, have brought more than \$127 million dollars into the community over the last eight years.
- Ninety percent of the Amherst Industrial Development Agency's industrial bond recipients met or exceeded job creation goals, translating to the creation and retention of 7,554 area jobs.
- The 1200-acre Amherst campus of the State University of New York at Buffalo is a leading research institution and has attained worldwide recognition in many high technology fields.

## 1985 TOWN-WIDE LAND USE COMPOSITION



When the Town of Amherst undertook the 1985 update of its 1975 master plan, it was shown that almost 40 percent of the land in the community still is either vacant or underdeveloped. The open land represents the largest use category, as shown above.

## POPULATION AND GROWTH

The most important resource for any community is its people. In the 1950's, Amherst was considered a "bedroom" community with less than 34,000 residents.

As with many communities across the country, Amherst's growth spurred from a trend toward suburbanization that occurred after World War II. With a lack of urban homes available and the promise of "the American dream" in the suburbs, many communities grew rapidly. Amherst was no exception. During the 1950's, the population in Amherst increased by 86.2%, from 33,744 to 62,837.

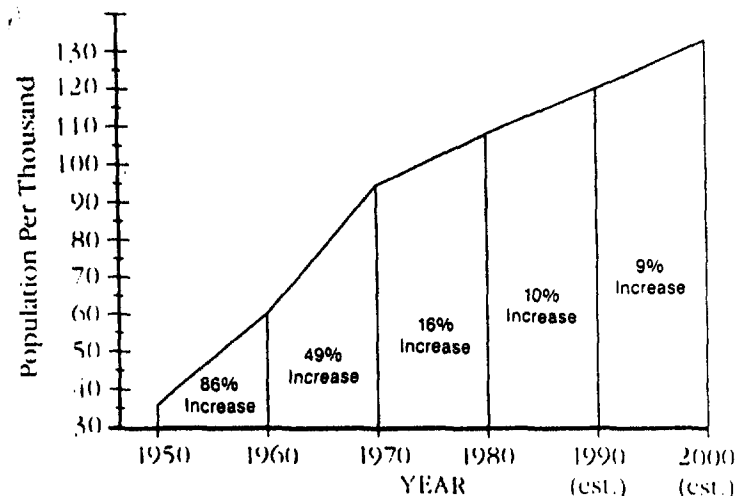
Since that time, Amherst's growth has stabilized, and will continue to do so. With the help of a Master Plan, that was first implemented in 1955 and has subsequently been updated a number of times, Amherst's amenities, and charm the community offers, will continue to keep pace with the growth of the community.

In looking ahead to the future, it is projected that by the year 2000, the Town will peak in terms of population and then stabilize. Once again, this is all governed and monitored by careful planning on the part of Town government.

In addition to the change in the number of people who reside in Amherst, the distribution of that population has also changed in recent years.

The Town's older growth area, the southern portion of the Town, was once the heart of Amherst's population. Today, there has been a shift to the central and north areas of Town, north of Maple Road.

Population Growth  
in Town of Amherst 1950-2000



# EDUCATION AND SCHOOLS

## HIGHER EDUCATION

Located in the heart of the Town of Amherst is the State University of New York at Buffalo, (SUNY-Buffalo), the largest and most comprehensive unit of the largest university system in the nation. The SUNY-Buffalo has maintained a long history of excellence and international renown.

Totaling more than 1200 acres, the Amherst Campus of SUNY-Buffalo is a valued resource to Amherst and Western New York, providing a strong public service role through a variety of partnerships and alliances linking its resources to the community.

SUNY-Buffalo offers nearly 280 academic programs, 83 of which are at the doctorate level. It boasts the largest enrollment of all Northeastern public universities with 26,000 graduate and undergraduate students. The majority of the students who attend SUNY-Buffalo have graduated in the top 12 percent of their high school classes.

Ranked among the top 50 university research centers in the nation in terms of federal grants for sponsored programs, SUNY-Buffalo maintains a number of facilities that are of great importance to the national and international research community.

To mention a few, SUNY-Buffalo established the first cancer research center in the world which is now interna-

tionally known as Roswell Park Memorial Institute; the Ernest Witebsky Center, the only university-affiliated immunology center in the nation, has served as a place of research to thousands of researchers and clinicians.

The State University of New York at Buffalo has taken an active role in the economic growth and revitalization of all of Western New York and has recently initiated several affiliated research centers to link its technological resources with the needs of commercial development.

SUNY-Buffalo is one of Amherst's and Western New York's greatest resources. In addition to supplying its students with an excellent education and academic programs, it is helping the community by assisting industries located within Western New York.

In addition to SUNY-Buffalo, the Town of Amherst is also home to Daemen College. A private, non-sectarian co-educational liberal arts college, Daemen is located on Main Street in Snyder.

The 37-acre campus is easily accessible and is dedicated to quality personalized education. Daemen offers baccalaureate degrees in 42 different majors and achieves a creative balance between the programs with career preparedness and liberal arts background.

## LIST OF AREA COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

### CANISIUS COLLEGE

2001 Main Street, Buffalo, New York 14208  
(716) 883-7000

### DAEMEN COLLEGE

4380 Main Street, Amherst, New York 14226  
(716) 839-3600

### D'YOUVILLE COLLEGE

320 Porter Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14201  
(716) 881-3200

### EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE

564 Franklin Street, Buffalo, New York 14202  
(716) 886-8020

### ERIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

North Campus

Main St. and Youngs Rd., Williamsville, New York 14221  
(716) 634-0800

South Campus

4140 Southwestern Blvd., Orchard Park, New York 14127  
(716) 648-5400

City Campus

121 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, New York 14203  
(716) 842-2770

### HILBERT COLLEGE

5200 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, New York 14075  
(716) 649-7900

### HOUGHTON COLLEGE

(Buffalo campus)

910 Union Road, West Seneca, New York 14224  
(716) 674-6363

### MEDAILLE COLLEGE

18 Agassiz Circle, Buffalo, New York 14222  
(716) 884-3281

### STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AT BUFFALO

1300 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14222  
(716) 878-4000

### STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BUFFALO

Capen Hall, Buffalo, New York 14260  
(716) 831-2000

### TROCAIRE COLLEGE

110 Red Jacket Parkway, Buffalo, New York 14220  
(716) 826-1200

### VILLA MARIA COLLEGE

240 Pine Ridge Road, Buffalo, New York 14225  
(716) 896-0700

# EDUCATION AND SCHOOLS

## SECONDARY EDUCATION

Secondary education in the Town of Amherst is provided by three public school systems: Amherst Central, Williamsville Central and Sweet Home Central school districts. In addition, the neighboring Town of Clarence offers a fine school system to some Amherst residents.

All three of the Amherst school districts are accredited by the State University of New York and the Middle States Association, and all three maintain high standards of excellence. New York State has a long history of educational superiority and is considered to have the best secondary education programs in the country.

An average of 84.3% of the students attending Amherst's school districts go on to some form of higher education. All three districts typically score above national averages for SAT scores, and usually rank higher than the

average SAT scores in New York State.

The curriculum programs for the various school districts are very well established and teach children, not only the basics, but also how to think, earn and create; skills that will be invaluable for tomorrow's workforce.

Performance levels remain high in part because of the level of teaching skills in the school districts. Teachers are encouraged to continue their education, and hone their skills, and are offered very competitive salary and benefits packages.

In addition, teacher to pupil ratios are low, an average of 14.3 students per teacher throughout the three school districts.

## LIST OF AMHERST PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

55 Kings Highway, Amherst, New York 14226  
(716) 836-3000

### SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

1901 Sweet Home Road, Amherst, New York 14221  
(716) 689-5226

### WILLIAMSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

415 Lawrence Bell Drive, Williamsville, New York 14221  
(716) 626-7220

## PRIVATE SCHOOLS

### AMHERST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

2625 Tonawanda Creek Rd., Amherst, New York 14120  
(716) 689-9944

### PARK SCHOOL

4625 Harlem Road, Amherst, New York 14226  
(716) 839-1242

### SACRED HEART ACADEMY

3860 Main Street, Buffalo, New York 14226  
(716) 834-2101

### MARTIN LUTHER SCHOOL

1085 Eggert Road, Amherst, New York 14226  
(716) 836-3554

### ST. BENEDICT'S SCHOOL

3980 Main Street, Amherst, New York 14226  
(716) 835-2518

### STS. PETER AND PAUL SCHOOL

5480 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221  
(716) 632-6146

### CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL

2 Lamarck Drive, Amherst, New York 14226  
(716) 839-0473

### CHRISTIAN CENTRAL ACADEMY

39 Academy Street, Williamsville, New York 14221  
(716) 634-4821

### ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

250 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville, New York 14221  
(716) 688-5323

## HEALTH SERVICES

Highly sophisticated medical attention usually found only in major metropolitan areas is available in Amherst. Millard Fillmore Hospital, a 145 bed facility centrally located in Amherst, is committed to providing the community with quality health care services that are both accessible and comprehensive. Modern state of the art physical technology and equipment is evident in their cardiac care, intensive care and respiratory units, their surgical, medical, outpatient and emergency departments, and in their radiology, pathology, rehabilitation and total range of modern patient services. The Hospital's maternity department, for example is the second busiest in Western New York.

Additionally, Millard Fillmore Hospital operates a free standing multi-specialty ambulatory Surgery Center to accommodate all types of non-emergent, uncomplicated elective surgeries.

The Millard Fillmore Rehabilitation Center, located in Amherst, is a multi-specialty affiliated rehab center offering a unique variety of services designed to maximize the physical, functional and cognitive potential of patients with varied rehabilitation needs.

The Lours Lazar Family Medicine Center housed in the Medical Office Building directly behind the hospital offers a wide range of quality services, compassionately and cost effectively to all family members.

Scheduled for completion in 1990 is the Back Institute of Buffalo, also located in Amherst. Fully affiliated with the University at Buffalo School of Medicine and part of the Millard Fillmore Hospital System, the institute will be a leading multidisciplinary center for the treatment and prevention of back disabilities.

Additionally the Buffalo General Hospital, a leading provider of medical and surgical services in the area for more than 130 years has developed an outpatient rehabilitation center in the Town of Amherst. This facility offers the most comprehensive Cardiovascular Life Sciences Program available in Western New York. Cardiac rehabilitation and preventive cardiology are offered. Also offered at this location is a Back to Work Program, a comprehensive rehabilitation service designed specifically for the injured worker. The focus is to objectively evaluate the injured employees ability to return to work and to provide treatment based on real work activities.

The medical centers and health facilities in the town work closely with the more than 200 physicians with offices located in Amherst to provide residents outstanding health care services.

## SENIOR SERVICES

The Town of Amherst Senior Center purpose is a multi-purpose facility that provides a variety of opportunities to Amherst's seniors.

Membership to the Senior Center is open to Amherst residents 60 years of age or older and could be obtained from the Senior Center located in Lucile M. Kinne Buildings, 30 North Union Road, Williamsville, New York (631-5595).

The Senior Center offers a wide range of activities including classes, clubs, seminars and recreational programs. Classes offered by the Center range from Calligraphy to Woodcarving and everything in between.

For the more active senior, there's dancing classes and physical fitness activities to suit anyone's needs.

In addition, the Senior Center assist Amherst's seniors with employment opportunities, meals on wheels, health screening and program, transportation and much more.

The Town of Amherst takes pride in its' senior residents and assists them by providing the services and amenities that make Amherst a great place to live for the "young," healthy seniors in the Town. Some of those services include:

Amherst Adult Day Services, Clearfield Community Center, assists seniors who are unable to function in the usual senior center program to remain independent and avoid institutionalization — 689-1403.

Cluster — helps the frail, elderly remain in the community — 633-7468.

Friendly Visitors — visit people in hospitals and nursing homes and residences — 631-5595.

Meals on Wheels — two nutritious meals per day are delivered to homebound residents who are unable to cook or shop for themselves — 631-3458.

Ombudsman — long term care — 631-7145.

Going Places Van — provides portal to portal services — 895-0400.

Project Care, Project YES, Teen Power — Chore and errand service through the Amherst Youth Board — 631-7129.

# HEALTH

## HEALTH INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES

Crisis Services .....	834-3131
Mental Health Association of Erie County .....	886-1242
United Way of Buffalo and Erie County .....	887-2631
Compass House (Crisis Shelter) .....	886-0935
Child Protective Services of Erie County .....	846-6477
Citizens Committee on Rape and Sexual Assault .....	846-7879
Parents Anonymous .....	892-2172
Safety First .....	689-4916
Amherst Drop Out Program .....	839-4066
Haven House .....	884-6000
Amherst Fire and Rescue Squad .....	689-1212
Amherst Police Emergencies .....	689-1311
Erie County Psychiatric Clinic .....	898-3465
Poison Control Center .....	878-7654
Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital .....	688-3280
Alcoholics Anonymous .....	853-0388
Al-teen and Al-Anon .....	856-2520
Amherst Y-U .....	688-3888
Horizon Human Services Counseling Center .....	833-3708
Childrens Hospital .....	878-7408
TEL-MED .....	855-3555
Erie County Health Department .....	846-7690
Child and Family Services .....	632-5500
American Cancer Society .....	689-6981

# HOUSING, TAX INFORMATION, AND CLIMATE

## HOUSING

There is not only a good supply of housing available in Amherst, and throughout Western New York, but it is also extremely affordable according to national averages. The housing supply ranges from apartments to condominiums and town houses to single family dwellings.

According to national statistics, the average three-bedroom, approximately 2,000 square foot home in Western New York sold for \$131,000 in 1988. In Amherst, single family homes range in price from under \$30,000 to over \$300,000, with 77% of the Town's housing stock assessed under \$90,000.

Compared to other municipalities across the country, such as Boston (average home = \$232,904), Detroit (average home = \$147,400), and the San Francisco area (average home = \$380,554) Amherst's housing prices are a bargain.

In addition, located within Amherst are a number of the top real estate firms in the country, which makes finding the right home at the right price as easy as possible.

## TAX INFORMATION

The tax base in Amherst has kept pace with Amherst's phenomenal growth. Today, the tax rate bears almost the same proportionate share of the operating budget of the Town of Amherst as it did 10 years ago.

The economic development has helped in diversifying the tax base, keeping taxes in line for Amherst residents, while still maintaining the numerous, high quality services provided by the Town. Specific information on the Town's tax rates can be obtained from the Town Assessor's Office (716/631-7038).

## CLIMATE

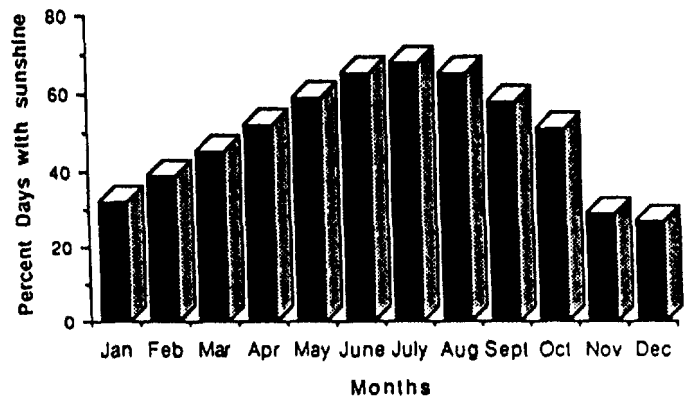
Amherst enjoys all four seasons of weather, spring, summer, winter and fall. Researchers believe that people are more productive, relaxed and content with variety in their weather.

Amherstonians take advantage of all the seasons of weather. There are plenty of down-hill and cross-country skiing facilities for the winter sports activities and Lakes Erie and Ontario, along with the Niagara River provide enough boating, water skiing and beach activities to satisfy every summer sport enthusiast.

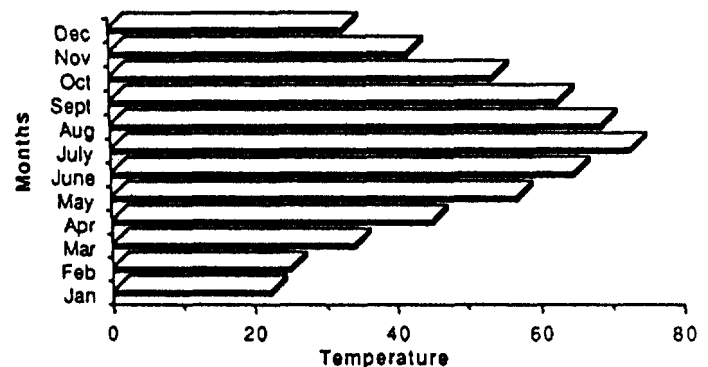
Naturally air conditioned by Lakes Erie and Ontario, Amherst is positioned between two huge weather masses that keep summers cool, extend warmth into all and take the edge off the chill of winter. The lakes also prevent large fluctuations in daily temperatures.

In addition, the prevailing winds coming off Lake Erie average at ten to fourteen miles per hour, allowing for natural ventilation and decreasing the amount of air pollution in the area.

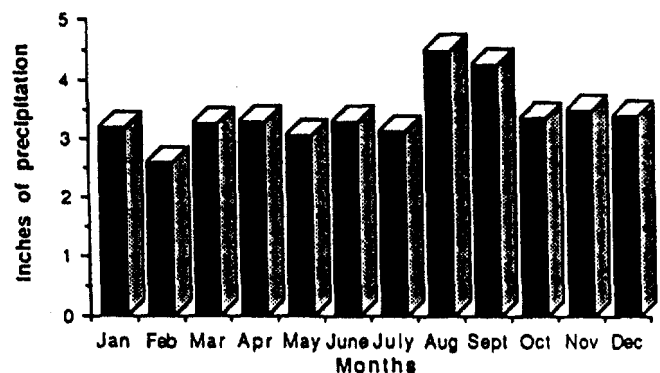
### Average Monthly Sunshine



### Average Monthly Temperature



### Average Monthly Precipitation



Inches water to  
inches snow =x10  
(Oct-May)

# HOUSING, TAX INFORMATION, AND CLIMATE

## AMHERST: HOUSEHOLDS AND HOMES

According to the 1980 census data, the number of households in the Town of Amherst has continued to rise over the decade and is expected to continue, according to the estimates of future households.

### NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS

1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010
17,918	27,537	36,958	44,275	50,701	53,236

### PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLDS

1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010
62,008	92,437	103,794	114,643	127,218	126,831

### AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE

1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010
3.46	3.36	2.81	2.59	2.51	2.40

The Town of Amherst boasts housing costs that are among the lowest in the nation:

### AVERAGE HOME COST COMPARISONS

Amherst	\$99,200
San Francisco	\$375,000
Orlando	\$116,500
Boston	\$180,000
Philadelphia	\$124,375
Dallas	\$148,500

## AMHERST: INCOME LEVELS AND TAX RATES

### INCOME LEVELS

Median household income	\$23,748
Median family income	\$27,063
Per capita income	\$18,850

### PERCENTAGE BREAKDOWN OF POPULATION

Less than \$7,500	\$7,500-\$25,000	More than \$25,000
11.6%	41.5%	46.9%

### LOCAL COUNTY TAX RATES PER \$1000 ASSESSED VALUATION

#### 1987 TAX RATE

Combined tax rate:	\$12.62 + specials
County tax rate:	\$7.19
Town tax rate:	\$5.43
Williamsville School District:	\$14.28
Sweet Home School District:	\$16.32
Amherst School District:	\$15.14

## RECREATION & CULTURE

Amherst offers many amenities to its residents that are often found only in large cities. For example, the Town of Amherst has its own symphony orchestra, several jazz and theater groups, an art society and museum, and various other arts and cultural attractions.

Here is a short list of some of Amherst's many cultural amenities:

Amherst Museum,  
3755 Tonawanda Creek Road  
(689)-1440)  
Amherst Players, (836-1530)  
Amherst Symphony, (832-7616)  
Historical Society (632-6905)

In addition, Amherst is home to many civic organizations too numerous to mention. Information and a complete listing of these organizations can be obtained from the Amherst Chamber of Commerce.

Furthermore, Amherst is located just minutes away from the City of Buffalo, whose cultural activities include the internationally renowned Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, the Albright Knox Art Gallery museum of modern art, and various theater groups including Shea's Buffalo Theater and Studio Arena Theater, both of which present touring Broadway companies and musical concerts.

In addition to its cultural features Amherst strives to maintain an appropriate amount of open space within the Town. Amherst's efforts to inventory and maintain its open space illustrates the Town's determination for maintaining the high quality of life its residents have grown accustomed to. In Amherst, open space refers to parcels that have been set aside for either recreation use or specifically for open space preservation without recreational access.

Amherst has a vast inventory of both active and passive parks and recreational areas.

In addition, the Town maintains a number of neighborhood playgrounds, along with recreation centers, and golf courses. Amherst is home to five country clubs for golf and recreation.

Because of tremendous fan support, the Western New York area is known as one of the leading sports towns in the nation. Sporting attractions include the National Football League Buffalo Bills, whose home games are played in Orchard Park's Rich Stadium; the National Hockey League Buffalo Sabres, whose home ice is War Memorial Stadium in downtown Buffalo, and the AAA minor league Buffalo Bisons Baseball Team, whose new home field, Pilot Field in downtown Buffalo has drawn nationally record setting crowds.

Besides the year round appeal of national league sports

action, local sports enthusiasts are able to keep themselves busy at numerous and diverse sporting facilities. Golfers will be satisfied with the eight golf courses located within the Town of Amherst. In addition, there are more than forty additional golf courses located throughout Western New York.

Other splendid summer sporting activities include swimming, water skiing, fishing and jogging at the area's 500 parks and playgrounds and 13 local State parks.

Winter is almost a welcomed sight for most Western New Yorkers. They enjoy many of winter's activities including ice skating, hockey, tobogganing, and ice fishing at various locations throughout Amherst and Western New York. The cross country and downhill ski buffs can select from twenty public and private ski resorts within a 90-mile radius of Amherst.

For those who prefer the indoor sport of shopping, Amherst and the surrounding areas offer shopping enthusiasts a smorgasbord of facilities. These include the Eastern Hills Mall, located on the Town's eastern border, and home to nearly 100 stores. There is also the Boulevard Mall, offering shoppers approximately 100 shops and located on the Town's western border. In addition, the newly completed Walden Galleria mall, in neighboring Cheektowaga, boasts over 130 specialty and department stores.

But if its small plazas or shops you're looking for, you won't have to look too far. Amherst offers a variety of specialty shops along Main Street in Snyder and Williamsville, along with dozens of small to medium size plazas throughout the Town.

The Town of Amherst has churches and temples representing most every denomination. The area's religious institutions embrace at least sixty denominations and represent beautiful and varied forms of architecture including Our Lady of Victory Basilica, the contemporary Beth Zion and the historically important First Presbyterian Church.

Book lovers are pleased with the variety of publications found in Amherst's public libraries. As part of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library system, Amherst offers four library branches located throughout the Town of Amherst. These are:

Audubon Branch (689-4922) John James Audubon Pkwy.  
(West Amherst)  
Clearfield Branch (688-4955) . . . . . 770 Hopkins Road  
(Central/East Amherst)  
Eggerstville/Snyder (839-0700) . . . . . 4622 Main Street  
(Southwest Amherst)  
Williamsville Branch (632-6172) . . . . . 5567 Main Street  
(Southeast Amherst)



## RECREATION & CULTURE

## PHONE NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

Recreation Office .....	689-7132
Audubon Recreation Center .....	631-7136
1615 Amherst Manor Drive	
Clearfield Community Center .....	689-1418
730 Hopkins Road	
Audubon Golf Course .....	631-7139
500 Maple Road	
Oakwood Golf Course .....	689-1421
3575 Tonawanda Creek Rd.	
Audubon Par-3 .....	631-7124
475 Maple Road	
Bassett Park .....	689-1425
Corner of Klein & Youngs Rd.	

\*During concert season only

Parks Department	631-7113
Youth Centers:	
N. Ellicott Creek	689-1437
Harlem School	839-1272
Clearfield	689-1404
Amherst Soccer Information	632-0210
Amherst Youth Hockey	633-8086
Amherst Skating Club	634-3887
Amherst Museum - Colony Park	689-1440
Amherst Senior Center	631-5595
Amherst Town Hall Information	631-7000

# Town of Amherst Recreation Sites

<b>Parks and playgrounds</b>	<b>Acres</b>
Walton Woods Park	54.0
Great Baehre Conservation Park	48.0
Pfohl Park	40.6
Bassett Park	37.6
Casey Paradise Recreation Area	19.7
Wehrle Federal Aviation Admin. Rec. Area	12.6
Garnet Park	11.3
Creekwood Park	10.0
Willowridge Park	10.0
Glen Park	9.7
West Royal Parkway Recreation Area	9.4
Kingsgate Park	7.3
Briarhurst Park	7.3
Dellwood Park	6.6
Sattler Field	4.0
Campus Drive Recreation Area	2.2
Highway Department Recreation Area	2.0
Cindy Drive Play Area	2.0
Park Forest	1.2
Dana Heights Recreation Area	1.0
Crosby Park	0.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>296.55</b>

<b>Golf Courses</b>	<b>Acreage</b>
Audubon	237.0
Oakwood	212.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>449.0</b>
<b>Recreation Areas</b>	<b>Acreage</b>
Clearfield Community Center	19.5
Audubon Recreation Center	12.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31.5</b>
<b>Special &amp; Single Purpose</b>	<b>Acreage</b>
Old Amherst Colony Museum	35.0
North French Recreation Area (soccer)	28.7
Lou Gehrig Amherst Park (baseball)	15.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78.7</b>
<b>Town of Amherst Leased Facilities</b>	<b>Acreage</b>
Saratoga Recreation	6.1
Canal Bikeway	3.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9.6</b>